

ELECTION AUDITORS (IRELAND).

RETURN to an Address of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 11 May 1855;—for,

“RETURN of all ELECTION AUDITORS appointed under the Bribery Prevention Act (1854), showing, in a Tabular Form, for *England*, *Scotland*, and *Ireland* respectively, their Names, Date of Appointment, what other Places or Offices held by each at the time of their Appointment or subsequently, whether Electors or not in the particular County, Riding, District, Town, Borough, Burgh or Burghs for which they are appointed to act.”

(*Mr Craufurd.*)

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RETURN of all ELECTION AUDITORS appointed under the Bribery Prevention Act (1854), for *England, Scotland, and Ireland* respectively, their Names, Date of Appointment, what other Places or Offices held by each at the time of their Appointment or subsequently, whether Electors or not in the particular County, Riding, District, Town, Borough, Burgh or Burghs for which they are appointed to Act.

COUNTY OF ANTRIM.

No auditors, as required under the Bribery Prevention Act (1854), were appointed during my shrievalty of the county of Antrim, for said county, or for the borough of Lisburn, which is also situated therein.

26 July 1855.

James E. Leslie,
Late Sheriff.

COUNTY OF ARMAGH.

The high sheriff will make an appointment next month of the election auditors for the county and borough of Armagh; no such officers having been created in this county or borough last year, owing to my not being aware of the passing of the Act which enforces it.

27 July 1855.

M. C. Close.

BOROUGH OF ARMAGH.

Not being aware of the "Act" having been passed until after the month of August, no election auditor was appointed, but the high sheriff will make an appointment both for the county and borough next week.

25 July 1855.

Wm. Hardy, Under Sheriff.

BOROUGH OF BELFAST.

I HAVE made inquiry from the town clerk, who has just resigned office, and I find that no election has taken place in Belfast since the passing of the Act, and no election auditor has been yet appointed.

27 July 1855.

J. K. Jackson, Town Clerk.

COUNTY OF CARLOW.

HENRY CAREY, Esq., of Carlow, is the election auditor for the county and borough of Carlow, having been elected last September, 1854. Henry Carey held no place or office at the time of his appointment, with the exception of being agent to Henry Bruen, Esq., Oak Park, Carlow. He is an elector both of the borough and county of Carlow.

26 July 1855.

William Duckett.

BOROUGH OF CARRICKFERGUS.

Sir,

6 February 1856.

IN answer to your letter of the 2d instant, referring to a return of all election auditors appointed under the Bribery Prevention Act (1854), &c., and which was addressed to my son, William Kirk, I deeply regret to say he died in May last, which will account for his not having furnished the return required.

I am, &c.

T. Kirk.

Col. Thomas Larcom,
&c. &c. &c.
Dublin Castle.

COUNTY OF CAVAN.

DURING my year of office in Cavan there was no auditor appointed on the 28th of February last; the present high sheriff, Mr. Rotherham, appointed Mr. Patrick Caffrey, of Cavan, who is an elector of the county, but does not vote at the elections; he is also deputy clerk of the peace for Cavan.

2 August 1855.

John H. Adams,
Late High Sheriff.

COUNTY OF CLARE.

No election auditor was appointed by Mr. Westby during his year of office.

24 July 1855.

Marcus Keane.

BOROUGH OF CLONMEL.

Name - - - - - Thomas Dorney.

Date of appointment - - - - - January 1855.

Places or offices held at the time, or subsequent to appointment - - - - - { Clerk to petty sessions; mayor's secretary; register of common lodging-houses; billet master; postmaster for "receiving office."

Whether elector or not in the particular county, &c. for which appointed to act? - { Elector for the borough of Clonmel.

23 July 1855.

O. B. Mahony, M.D.
Mayor of Clonmel in the Year 1854.

COUNTY OF CORK AND BOROUGHES THEREIN.

County:

Name - - - - - Joseph Johnson.

Date of appointment - - - - - 19 April 1855.

What other places or offices held by him at time of appointment or subsequently? } None.

Whether an elector or not of the county of Cork? - - - - - } No.

Boroughs:

Bandon - - - - - None.

Kinsale - - - - - None.

Youghal - - - - - None.

Mallow - - - - - { The seneschal of the borough is the returning officer, not the sheriff.

7 August 1855.

W. H. Townsend,
Sub-Sheriff.

CITY OF CORK.

Name - - - - - John Windell.

Date of appointment - - - - - 19 April 1855.

What other place or offices held by him at time of appointment? - - - - - } Deputy clerk of the Crown, city of Cork.

Whether an elector or not of the city of Cork? - - - - - } An elector.

7 August 1855.

Thomas Ware,
Sub-Sheriff.

COUNTY OF DONEGAL.

DURING my year of office there was no election in the county of Donegal.

22 July 1855.

W. Sinclair.

COUNTY OF DOWN.

I AM NOT AWARE of any having been appointed.

4 February 1856.

J. T. Reilly.

COUNTY OF THE TOWN OF DROGHEDA.

THE high sheriff is the returning officer for Drogheda; of whom, however, I have made the necessary inquiry, and have been informed by him that as yet there has been no appointment under the Act.

24 July 1855.

James Mathews.

COUNTY OF DUBLIN.

DURING my year of office as sheriff of the county of Dublin no appointment of election auditor was made.

23 July 1855.

Hans H. Woods.

COUNTY OF THE CITY OF DUBLIN.

I DID not appoint an election auditor pursuant to the Bribery Prevention Act, 1854, not being aware of the passing of the Act until after I went out of office. No copy of the Act or notice thereof was sent to my office.

26 July 1855.

William Long,
Late High Sheriff

COUNTY OF FERMANAGH, AND BOROUGH OF ENNISKILLEN.

Sir,

28 July 1855.

IN reply to your circular of the 21st instant, addressed to "The Honourable Henry Arthur Cole, late High Sheriff, county Fermanagh," I beg to state on behalf of Mr. Cole that he did not, during the time he acted as sheriff, appoint any election auditor. It may be in your recollection that Mr. Cole only served a portion of his year of office, having been elected member for the county in place of the late Sir A. B. Brooke. The Honourable Cavendish Butler, who was appointed sheriff on the retirement of Mr. Cole, did appoint an election auditor, and has since made the required return.

Colonel Larcom,
&c. &c. &c.

Robert Keys.

MR. GEORGE BLACK of this town was appointed and acted as auditor at the election of the present Member for the county.

9 February 1856.

H. Cavendish Butler.

COUNTY OF GALWAY.

AS there was no election, or any immediate prospect of an election for the county of Galway during my year of office, I did not appoint any auditor or auditors for the purpose of acting under the Act to which you refer.

24 July 1855.

Richard A. H. Kirwan,
Late High Sheriff

BOROUGH OF GALWAY.

THERE was no appointment made by me of election auditors for the borough of Galway in the year 1854.

27 February 1856.

E. E. Mansell.

COUNTY OF KERRY.

I AM directed by Mr. William Hickie to state that during his year of office (1854-55) there were no election auditors appointed under the Bribery Prevention Act, 1854.

Maurice O'Connor, Under Sheriff.

11 February 1856.

COUNTY OF KILDARE.

No appointment has taken place for this county under the Act.

24 July 1855.

William Sims,

COUNTY OF KILKENNY.

THERE were not in this county election auditors appointed under the Bribery Prevention Act, 1854.

7 February 1856.

*Purefoy Poe,
Late Sheriff County of Kilkenny.*

COUNTY OF THE CITY OF KILKENNY.

THERE has not been any appointment of an election auditor for Kilkenny under the Corrupt Practices Prevention Act, 1854.

22 February 1856.

Mich. Sullivan,

KING'S COUNTY.

Names	- - - - -	{ William L. Cuffe, Esq., Barrister-at-law, Kilbeggan.
Date of appointment	- - - - -	- August 1854.
Offices held at the time of appointment, or	- - - - -	{ None.
subsequently	- - - - -	-
Whether elector or not for the county	- - - - -	- Not an elector.

25 July 1855.

*Francis V. Bennett, J. P., D. L.,
Late High Sheriff*

COUNTY OF LEITRIM.

THE Act was dated 10th August 1854, and was not circulated or its provisions publicly heard of in time to enable the appointment to be made in the August of that year, and none has since been appointed.

27 July 1855.

J. J. Whyte, Col.

COUNTY OF LIMERICK.

Name and address	- - - - -	- John Ryan, 12, Mary-street, Limerick.
Date of appointment	- - - - -	- 26th of December 1854.
Occupation then and at present	- - - - -	- Sheriff's clerk.
Elector or non-elect	- - - - -	- Non-elect of the county of Limerick.

COUNTY OF THE CITY OF LIMERICK.

Major George Gavin, high sheriff of this city, 1854, appointed his brother, Captain Michael Gavin, a retired officer from the army, borough auditor in August 1854. Captain Gavin has no occupation, is an elector of the borough, J. P., and land proprietor; no other auditor appointed since.

23 July 1855.

*Henry Watton, J. P.,
Late Mayor of Limerick.*

COUNTY OF LONDONDERRY.

THE mayor of Londonderry is returning officer for the city of Derry, and not the sheriff; and with respect to the county of Londonderry and borough of Coleraine, no election auditor was appointed in the year 1854. The Corrupt Practices Prevention Act, 1854, did not receive the Royal Assent until the 10th of August last, and the 16th section, which directs the appointment of auditors, states that they shall be appointed in August in each year. Neither Mr. Ogilby nor myself, as his under-sheriff, was aware of the new duty imposed on him until long after the end of August, when I took the best advice I could obtain on the subject, which coincided with my own reading of the Act, that no appointment could be made except in the month of August, and that therefore the office must remain vacant until the new sheriff should fill it up in August next.

28 July 1855.

Thos. Chambers, Under Sheriff.

CITY OF LONDONDERRY.

Name	-	-	-	-	-	William Leighton Harcock.
Date of appointment	-	-	-	-	-	4 August 1855.
Other offices held by auditor at the date of his appointment	-	-	-	-	-	{ Mayor's clerk, registrar Court of Conscience, Petty Sessions clerk for the rural district and borough of Londonderry.

4 August 1855.

Henry Darans, Mayor.

COUNTY OF LONGFORD.

Sir,

5 September 1855.

IN reply to your letter of July 21st, requesting to be furnished with a return of election auditors appointed under the Bribery Prevention Act (1854), so far as relates to the county of Longford;

I have the honour to enclose the reply of the gentleman who officiated for me as sub-sheriff in that county, which will at once supply the necessary information, and explain the cause of so long delaying the necessary reply to your communication, which I considered he had given in consequence of my transmitting your letter to him.

I deem it necessary to add, that there was not any election for Members of Parliament during the year I had the honour of holding the shrievalty of the county of Longford, viz. 1854-1855.

Colonel Larcom, &c. &c.

I have, &c.
(signed) *A. G. Lewis.*

COUNTY OF LOUTH.

THERE were not any auditors appointed, to my knowledge, for the county of Louth, or borough of Dundalk, during the period for which I acted as high sheriff for the county of Louth, from February 1854 to February 1855.

4 August 1855.

Edward Belton.

COUNTY OF MAYO.

DURING the year of office of Charles Lynch, Esq., late high sheriff, there was no appointment of an election auditor, nor any election.

25 July 1855.

James Jordan,
Late Sub-Sheriff.

COUNTY OF MEATH.

Election Auditor	-	-	-	-	William Horan, 76, Talbot-street, Dublin.
Date of Appointment	-	-	-	-	August 1854.
Rank, &c.	-	-	-	-	{ Solicitor; returning officer; not an elector of the county.

4 August 1855.

J. D. G. Pollock,
Sheriff for 1854.

QUEEN'S COUNTY.

No auditors have been appointed under the Act of 1854, either for the Queen's County or borough of Portlannington.

24 July 1855.

Allen J. Walsh,
Late High Sheriff.

COUNTY OF SLIGO.

THERE were not any election auditors appointed for the county of Sligo since the passing of the above Act.

11 February 1856.

G. Armstrong, Sheriff.

BOROUGH OF SLIGO.

No election auditor has been appointed under the Bribery Prevention Act for the borough of Sligo. If such an officer be required, the corporation shall at once proceed to elect him, should they be directed so to do by the Government. I shall be most happy to attend to any suggestion you may be pleased to give.

23 July 1855.

Edmund Rochford, Town Clerk.

COUNTY OF TIPPERARY.

MR. MICHAEL DEANE, of Clonmel, in said county, was appointed election auditor for the said county, as also for the borough of Cashel, by George Massey Dawson, esquire, high sheriff of said county, on the 16th of August 1854. Said Michael Deane is clerk to the clerk of the peace of the county, and appears upon the Parliamentary voters' book of this year a registered voter for the borough of Clonmel.

28 July 1855.

Samuel M. Gosen, Sub-Sheriff.

COUNTY OF WATERFORD.

I APPOINTED Mr. James Delahunty for last year; he is also coroner of the county, and, I believe, receiver of droits of Admiralty. Mr. Wyse, the present high sheriff, has appointed Mr. Pierre N. Barron, as auditor for the county and borough of Dungarvan for this year.

23 July 1855.

Pat. Mahon Power.

COUNTY OF THE CITY OF WATERFORD.

Name of person appointed -	- - -	- James Delahunty, Esq.
Date of appointment -	- - -	- 9 October 1854.
By whom appointed -	- - -	- { Sir Benjamin Morris, D.L., high sheriff of Waterford.
Other offices held by him at time of his appointment -	- - -	- { Borough treasurer; coroner of city, and adjoining portion of the county of Waterford; receiver of droits; agent for receipt of rents for private individuals.
Whether an elector at the time of his appointment -	- - -	- { An elector of the city of Waterford, also of the county of Waterford.

30 July 1855.

Henry Dewey, late Mayor.

COUNTY OF WESTMEATH.

Name -	- - -	- { William L. Cuffe, Esq. barrister-at-law, Kilbeggan.
Date of appointment -	- - -	- August 1854.
Places or offices held at the time of appointment, or subsequently -	- - -	- } None.
Whether elector or not for the county -	- - -	- Not an elector.

Francis Hopkins, Sheriff.

BOROUGH OF ATHLONE.

Name	- - - - -	{ William L. Cuffe, Esq. barrister-at-law, Kilbeggan.
Date of appointment	- - - - -	- August 1854.
Places or offices held at the time of appointment, or subsequently	- - - - -	- None.
Whether elector or not for the borough	-	- Not an elector.

Francis Hopkins, Sheriff.

COUNTY OF WEXFORD.

As the Bribery Act only passed on the 10th August 1854, and was not printed and circulated in Ireland for upwards of a month afterwards, I could not make the appointment "in the month of August," as thereby required; and as I went out of office on the 24th January 1855, and no election having taken place either for the county of Wexford or borough of New Ross in the interim, I did not appoint an election auditor under the Act while I was sheriff.

11 February 1855.

S. A. Richards,
Sheriff for the Year 1854.

BOROUGH OF WEXFORD.

No such appointment has been made for this borough. Had my attention been directed to the provisions of the Act, I should have felt it my duty, during my year of office, as mayor, to have carried the intention of the Legislature, as regards such appointment, into effect.

24 July 1855.

John Greene, J. P.,
Late Mayor.

COUNTY OF WICKLOW.

No such officer having been appointed for the county Wicklow, I have no return to make.

16 October 1855.

John Brennan,
Late High Sheriff.

ELECTION AUDITORS (RELEASE).

RETURN of all Election Auditors appointed under the Ballot Provision Act (1904), the Abolished, Re-elected, and Declined respectively, their Names, Date of Appointment, what other Places or Offices held by each at the time of their Appointment or subsequently, whether Election is yet in the particular County, Riding, Division, Town, Borough, Town or Village for which they are appointed to act.

(Mr. Crawford)

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